

2020 Community Services Block Grant CARES Application



Housing & Community
Service Department

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Background



- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding is designed to lessen poverty in communities.
- Funds are provided by the US Department of Health and Human Services to the State of Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC).
- KHRC allocates funds to eight Community Action Programs in Kansas.



Background



- KHRC invites eligible applicants to submit proposals for COVID-19 economic relief.
- There is \$1,373,553 available to Wichita Sedgwick County Community Action Partnership (WSCCAP) for this initiative.
- The period of availability for FFY 2020 remainder/CARES funds extends through September 30, 2021. An extension of funds are to be expended by September 30, 2022 if needed.



Review Committee



- CSBG Review Committee includes 12 representatives: 8 appointed by Council; 4 elected via Neighborhood Resource Centers.
- The committee met on July 9, 2020 to review CSBG program outcomes and expenditures.
- 2020 CARES funding is based on the committee's recommendation.



Recommended Funding



- WSCCAP Staff– \$200,010.26
 - Portions of 5 current WSCCAP staff, one additional full-time Administrative Aide position upon City approval, plus portions of two other department administrative staff over the course of 15 months.
- Emergency Assistance Payments– \$400,000
 - Rent/mortgage assistance, utility assistance, and/or childcare assistance for individuals facing hardship due to COVID.



Recommended Funding



- Technology and Youth Education– \$150,000
 - WSCCAP will work with school districts and private schools to determine technological needs for low-income families in order to maintain educational progress during the COVID crisis.



Other Considerations



- Unallocated– \$657,884.24



Recommended Action



- The CSBG Review Committee recommends City Council approve the 2020 CSBG grant year application in the amount of \$1,373,553.00 and authorize the necessary signatures.



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